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35 U.S.C. § 371 of PCT/US98/14775, filed July 16, 1998

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**PETITION (PROVISIONAL)  
TO REMOVE CORRECTLY NAMED PERSON  
WHO IS NOT INVENTOR OF INVENTION NOW BEING CLAIMED  
(37 C.F.R. § 1.48(b))**

This is a petition to delete the name of the following person named as inventor in PCT International application PCT/US98/14775 who is not an inventor of the invention now being claimed:

Malkit S. Deogon

Claims 1-9, 20-21, 28-34 and 37-40 have been cancelled by preliminary amendment filed herewith. Claims 10-19, 22-27, 35-36, and 41-53 are pending in the application. The subject matter of all of the claims is owned by Nu-Chem, Inc., and was so owned at the time the invention thereof was made. The consent of Nu-Chem, Inc. to the removal of the inventor is attached hereto.

This petition is considered provisional because, although the PCT application as filed names Malkit S. Deogon as an inventor, the 35 U.S.C. § 371 application, as amended by a preliminary amendment, and its accompanying executed declaration do not name him, nor do they contain claims directed to an invention of which he is an inventor. If it is deemed that this petition is unnecessary, it is respectfully requested that the accompanying fee be credited to Account No. 16-2201.

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